

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 were pending in the above-captioned application when the present Office Action was mailed (January 19, 2006), with claims 47-53 withdrawn from consideration. In this response, claims 1, 12, 28 and 41 have been amended, and claims 6, 16, 29, 45 and 47-53 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-28, 30-44, and 46 are currently pending.

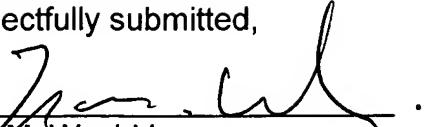
In the January 19, 2006 Office Action, claims 20-27 and 36-40 were allowed, claims 6, 16, 29 and 45 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to be in independent form, and the remaining non-withdrawn claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) on the basis of U.S. Patent No. 4,695,215 to Jacoby et al. ("Jacoby") or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) on the basis of Jacoby in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,270,306 to Otwell et al. ("Otwell").

Without commenting on or conceding the merits of the Examiner's position with regard to the rejected claims, claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of allowable claim 6, claim 12 has been amended to include the elements of allowable claim 16, claim 28 has been amended to include the elements of claim 29, and claim 41 has been amended to include the elements of allowable claim 45. Claims 6, 16, 29, 45 and withdrawn claims 47-53 have been cancelled. Accordingly, all the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 291958222US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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